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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please enter the amendment to Figure 5 and pages 21 and 23 of the specification as shown in the attached Version with Markings to Show Changes and Replacement Sheets. The amendment is summarized as follows.

Page 21, line 11, insert --port 1 of the valve at-- after "to".

Page 21, lines 13-14, delete "joins the pipe 118 as so also leads to" and substitute therefor --is coupled to port 2 of the valve at--.

Page 21, line 18, delete "1" and substitute therefor --3--.

Page 21, line 19, delete "2" and substitute therefor --1--.

Page 23, line 6, delete "1" and substitute therefor --3--.

Figure 5 is amended to properly show ports 1, 2 and 3 in column 101.